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A list of five publications providing ideas for programs is followed by descriptions of 24 library programs for young adults which have been carried out at public libraries in Michigan. The type of program, age group, preparation, program description, evaluation, and a contact person at the library are included for each. (CWM)

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PREFACE

There's an old adage that says "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush". Translated into library terms, this might read "Library patrons we serve are more important than those we don't serve". Agreed? Those of us who think programming for our young adult clientele is important would hope not. Programming can be a unique way to bring non-users into the library because it emphasizes the services and information the library provides while, at the same time, meeting a specific need or interest.

The limits for programming are limitless. What works in one community might need modification to work in another city. Be innovative. Don't be afraid to try something just because it's never been done. Publicity is a MUST. The more the better. And remember, success can't be measured in numbers alone. A rap session about drugs or legal rights might be MORE successful if those in attendance are of a small enough number that they can get a meaningful two-way discussion going with the speakers. If you know your community and the young people you serve, chances are you'll come up a winner more often than not.

So why a YA Program Sourcebook? It developed in response to requests for program information from a growing number of new YA librarians in the state. Many of the ideas are new---some not. Most worked---a few did not. They're presented here for whatever help they can be to YOU. Feel free to steal any ideas (they're not protected under the new copyright laws) and to write to any of the resource people listed for further information about a specific program (please enclose a SSAE for the reply).

Our special thanks to all the Young Adult librarians in Michigan who contributed their ideas, to the Grand Rapids Public Library for printing the Sourcebook, and to the Michigan Library Association Office in Lansing for distributing it. And a very special thank you to Kristin Abraham for her invaluable aid, support, and dedication to YA librarianship.

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Young Adult Department
Grand Rapids Public Library

YA PROGRAM IDEA STARTERS

1. Gambit; selected strategies for young adult programs.
   Maryland Library Association, c1973. Price: $1.00 + 25¢ postage ppd.
   Contains program ideas and step-by-step instructions for the program planner. Slight but useful.

2. Idea sourcebook for young adult programs.
   Boston Public Library, c1973. Price: $2.00 + 50¢ postage (make checks payable to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library).
   Includes a wide variety of program possibilities along with examples of YA program flyers.

3. Young Adult alternative newsletter.
   Carol Starr, editor, 37167 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, Ca. 94536
   Subscription: $4.00 ($4.50 if billed).
   Published 4-6 times a year, this newsletter keeps people who work with YAs tuned in to what's happening where. Reviews books, movies, and magazines; describes successful and not so successful programs; offers addresses for obtaining free and inexpensive materials; has hot line news and letters to the editor.

4. GO, PEP, and POP! 250 tested ideas for lively libraries.
   Virginia Baeckler and Linda Larson. U*n*a*b*a*s*h*e*d Librarian, 1976.
   P.O. Box 2631, New York, N.Y. 10001. Price: $3.50 ($4.50 if billed).
   A great idea book. Packed with lots of lively, practical, sometimes silly but always attention-getting ideas. Divided into three sections: GO: Getting Outside; PEP: Programs, Exhibits; Projects, POP: Positive Operating Procedures.

5. U*n*a*b*a*s*h*e*d Librarian.
   G.P.O. Box 2631, New York, N.Y. 10001. Subscription: $10.00
   The "how I run my library good" letter. Great stimulus reading--it makes you think, then think again about libraries and librarianship. Published 4 times a year, each issue is packed with practical suggestions, helpful advice, innovative ideas, and new ways of looking at things.

Type of Program: Disco Dance Demonstration

Age Group: Junior and senior high school

Preparation: We arranged with Veronica Brewka, disco teacher at Lansing Community College, to give the demonstration. We provided the room, record player, and publicity. She brought the records and some of her L.C.C. students. The Friends of the Library provided cokes. Flyers were sent to the school libraries and put up around the building, the branch library, and the bookmobile. We also got a good article on our program series in the Sunday paper. We set a limit of 100 kids and made up tickets so we could control the number of people.

Description: Veronica and her students demonstrated several dances at the start of the program, including some from "Saturday Night Fever". Then everybody got out on the floor and she taught two dances: the Bus Stop and the Disco Swim. We took a pop break about half-way through.

Evaluation: We were not very realistic in our expectations for attendance. We had about 20 kids, junior and senior high age, but that was really as much as we could handle. If we had had any more than that there really would not have been enough room to dance. It was GREAT! Everyone was self-conscious at first, but got over that quickly. The kids had so much fun they asked Veronica to teach a class for their age group. A 10-week class was set up for Saturday mornings at the library and we had no trouble filling it (30 person limit). This was the first in a series of 12 programs, all on Tuesday nights. We forgot that Tuesday night is high school basketball night. We are also wondering if we would have had better attendance with after-school programs.

Name: Jean Bolley
Young Adult Department

Library: Lansing Public Library
401 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48914

Phone: 517-374-4600

Type of Program: Legal Rights and Responsibilities of Minors (a two-hour evening program)

Age Group: Youth---13-17 years old

Preparation: Newspaper articles and flyers for publicity; contacted the Oakland County Bar Association for an attorney; prepared a bibliography and book display.

Description: The program began with the showing of the filmstrip entitled "Marijuana Possession", produced by Guidance Associates. The attorney commented on the film, elaborated on how an individual should behave when being booked and answered hundreds of questions. The attorney's presentation was taped and cataloged and now may be borrowed along with the filmstrip for use in classrooms and church youth groups.

Evaluation: Audience participation and positive comments were strong. Ironically, ten copies of What To Do When You're Busted were stolen.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Backgammon Clinic and Tournament

Age Group: 7-70

Preparation: Locating a resource person and setting dates. Publicity: press releases to local newspapers, high school and college papers, TV and radio stations; book marks (with list of books on one side, program info on other) placed in books at check-out desk; registration forms; posters distributed throughout the city: game stores, poolhalls, shopping malls, and (ahem) bars. Prizes: (donated by local businesses) Gammonmaster II computerized backgammon game, backgammon game, leather dice cups, backgammon books, trophy, and pool games. Organization: making charts, seating people, seeding places, figuring out the mechanics of a tournament.

Description: A madhouse! This was a 3-Saturday extravaganza. Weekend #1: Clinic. Two hour class in AM on strategies and use of the doubling cube for advanced beginners, 4½ hour afternoon class for beginners on basics with ample time to play. Weekends 2 and 3: Tournament! 76 people in 2 divisions (novice and open); set up on double elimination terms which afforded every player the luxury of losing one match without seriously jeopardizing his/her chances. Once playing began, it went on its own momentum. There was a high level of excitement. The second Saturday went to the quarter finals, the third Saturday finished to the finals. Prizes were then ceremoniously awarded.

Evaluation: Overall, I think the program was a success. We brought over 100 people into the library and showed them that libraries are alive. We also were able to introduce backgammon players to each other. I believe our publicity was the key to the success. We made 3 TV and 1 radio appearance, in addition to many public service announcements which were made often on cable TV, the 3 local stations, and at lease 4 radio stations. We also found organization to be of major importance, especially when dealing with the crowds we had.

Name: Dorothy Merlo
Young Adults/ Sports Department

Library: Grand Rapids Public Library
60 Library Plaza N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-456-4427

Type of Program: Beer Can Collecting Lecture and Trading Session

Age Group: Young Adults. The audience was composed primarily of adolescent boys.

Preparation: Contacted beer can dealer at a local antique/flea market. Newspaper and flyer publicity. Prepared a bibliography and purchased extra books on the topic. Filled the display case with a colorful collection of beer cans.

Description: The beer can dealer spoke for a half hour and answered questions. Then the group engaged in a trading session.

Evaluation: The crowd was enthusiastic and pleased with the program. A repeat program would require additional planning during the trading session, which caused difficulties for the staff, but not the audience. The room was too small for over two hundred boys and their bags and boxes of cans. Fortunately, the noise and clanging of cans did not seem to bother anyone.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: The Law and You

Age Group: Jr. High

Preparation: Discussed with our Police Chief what we wanted to do and got as much feedback from him as possible. He directed me to the various contact people within the police departments.

Description: This program was planned to acquaint YA's with various aspects of the law. It met every Saturday for three weeks. First week: a detective from the Juvenile Bureau and a street cop described their jobs and what rights teenagers have under the law (just a loose, sit-down and rap session). Second week: tour of the jail. We were fortunate to have a very entertaining and responsive tour guide who took everyone through the detective bureau, ready room, weapons, and property rooms. We were unable to get into the jail itself because of prisoners. The officer shared his experiences and openly answered all questions; at my request he demonstrated an adult arrest procedure on one of the students. Third week: Paramedics. While not directly a part of "The Law" they are of tremendous importance in the workings of a community. The head paramedic explained training, job requirements, and what they do on various calls. Several students were bandaged and treated like emergency cases. The Fire Department brought both trucks so we could see what types of equipment are used. Emergency in action!

Evaluation: The first program started out slow: four kids and two parents. If it hadn't been for the fact that a teacher was giving extra credit it would have been a bust. The second session improved with eleven kids and one parent; and the last was a big draw with twenty kids and four adults. Once the kids found out that we didn't bite things improved.

Name: Sally D. Arrivée

Library: Portage Public Library
300 Library Lane
Portage, MI 49081

Phone: 616-327-6725

Type of Program: Summer Reading Club

Age Group: 12-16

Preparation: Advertised through school visit talks, newspaper publicity, and PR in the library.

Description: Teenagers sign up for the reading club that usually has a theme and a contest. Themes can be short story reading contest, science fiction reading contest, etc. The ones who read the most books are rewarded by prizes such as paperback books, T-shirts, free hamburgers and ice cream from a local establishment. Reporting is done by filling out a slip for each book read. A minimum of ten books earns a certificate.

Evaluation: This is one of the easiest programs for the YA librarian and the library staff to handle. What it really is is a carry-over from the children's summer programs but aimed at a higher reading level. It helps those teenagers who do not have jobs, summer camps, or vacation plans. The cost is minimal and the program can be handled by YA librarian only.

Name: Mrs. Siret Yener
YA Librarian

Library: Madison Heights Public Library
240 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Phone: 313-588-7763

Type of Program: Cross-Country Ski Clinic

Age Group: From womb to tomb (YA's were our target group, though)

Preparation: We contacted the owner of a local sporting goods store and found him willing and eager to provide a speaker. Other preparations included the writing of articles for the high school and college newspapers and for our local newspaper as well as contacting the radio and TV stations and getting them to announce the clinic for us. Posters to circulate to schools, stores, and other likely places and book marks with date, time, description of program (put inside books that were checked out of the library) were the only other means of publicizing that we felt would be necessary.

Description: Since cross-country skiing is gaining more popularity each winter, we decided to have a clinic to discuss the important how-to, where-to, and why-to information. The owner of the sporting goods store (who happens to be a cross-country ski instructor) demonstrated proper techniques, basic equipment, the pros and cons of wax versus no wax skis, and gained new converts through the showing of the very fine film "Skinny Skis". A question and answer time followed.

Evaluation: Since cross-country skiing is really one of the few sports that can be mastered by the worst klutz in the world and is fairly inexpensive to get started in as well as being a fun thing to do, we thought a program on the topic might well draw a good crowd. The first time we did it (Nov. 1976) we had 200 people and had to turn many away. The second time (Nov. 1977) we still had a good audience. Good publicity is a must and we felt ours was adequate. The timing is also crucial to the success of a program (it happened that weather reports predicted our first snow of the season the day of our 1977 program so people were up for the idea). Our speaker was excellent and we felt the film added an important visual dimension.

Name: Kristin Abraham
Young Adult Department

Library: Grand Rapids Public Library
60 Library Plaza N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-456-4427

Type of Program: Job Hunting Skills for Teens Seeking Part-Time Employment

Age Group: The program was designed exclusively for teenagers. This was stressed in all advertising. Adults seeking professional positions had shown an interest in the program and it was felt that they would be disappointed in the level of the presentation.

Preparation: Contacted the placement director of a local community college. Contacted the training department of McDonald's Corp. since the company is one of the world's largest employers of youth. Newspaper and flyer publicity. Prepared a bibliography and book display.

Description: The program begins with a speech by the college placement director covering how to go about finding places to apply for jobs. Next, the training department representative from McDonald's Corp. discusses filling out applications and job interviews. A member of the audience role plays an interview with him.

Evaluation: At the time of this printing the program had not yet taken place.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Puppet Workshop

Age Group: Jr. High

Preparation: A former staff member who made our puppets will be conducting the workshop. The teens who have volunteered will be contacted for a sign-up sheet. Limited to 16.

Description: The workshop will involve making their own puppets and costumes. Later they will be coached on using puppets effectively and on writing or adapting scripts. Finally, they will perform the plays for younger children. Takes care of two birds with one stone: involves both YA's and elementary school age children.

Evaluation: The workshop had to be rescheduled due to bad weather; therefore, no results as yet.

Name: Sally D. Arrivée

Library: Portage Public Library
300 Library Lane
Portage, MI 49081

Phone: 616-327-6725

Type of Program: Hockey Program (featuring a player from the Detroit Red Wings' team)

Age Group: Upper elementary and junior high boys

Preparation: Newspaper articles and flyers; also contacted the local hockey association and Boy Scout troops; contacted the Red Wings' office and arranged for a film and team member. The fee for the team member was $100.00.

Description: A thirty minute film was shown and the Red Wing player gave a short autobiographical speech before answering questions and signing autographs.

Evaluation: This was an excellent opportunity for young adolescents to meet a celebrity. The large audience, 270 boys, presented management problems particularly when the speaker signed autographs.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Summer Film Program

Age Group: Young Adults (approximately grades 6 through high school)

Preparation: Began in April to plan for a June-August program. Choosing the time: chose one date for each month: Monday night picked to avoid theater and week-end competition. Choosing films: made a list composed of several films in three categories: horror, comedy, suspense. Had to have a GP or G rating and not on TV recently. Selected one in each category. Ordering: films were ordered successfully by phone from Newman Co. in Grand Rapids. Publicity: PA system announcements in high school and junior high before vacation; bookmarks distributed in library; posters in library and a display case featuring the film program; community calendar on radio and in newspaper; featured as subject of weekly radio show; short article in newspaper; flyers given out for July movie at June movie.

Description: "FLYING HIGH WITH FILMS"--free feature length movies shown at the Loutit Library at 7:30 P.M. June 20: "Tomb of Ligeia", July 11: "Computer Wore Tennis Shoes", August 15: "Moonspinners". All were shown in the film room in the basement of the library. Attendance was outstanding: 100 for each of the three movies.

Evaluation: The advertising paid off. Two problems we faced: 1) it's hard to advertise when rental rules prohibit using film titles except in the library and in schools; 2) the Walt Disney film "Computer Wore Tennis Shoes" brought in a younger audience than we had hoped. This audience is already reached through the Children's Film Program. We now have age limits.

Name: Pam Vander Ploeg and Ellen Benes

Library: Loutit Library
407 Columbus
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Phone: 616-842-5560

Type of Program: Beauty and Charm: the Model's Secrets (a two-hour program)

Age Group: Teenage girls

Preparation: Newspaper article and flyers; contacted a local modeling and finishing school; prepared a bibliography and book display.

Description: The assistant director of the modeling school spoke about hair care, make-up, fashion and poise. A question and answer period followed.

Evaluation: Extremely well received by the 100+ females in the audience.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Drama Club

Age Group: 12-16

Preparation: Advertised through school visit talks, newspaper publicity, and PR in the library. Interested YA's signed up and held meetings to choose the play, distribution of roles, rehearsals, etc.

Description: Originally started as a summer program but it became very popular and we extended it to a year long venture. Performances were held for every holiday occasion: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, etc.

Evaluation: A lot of fun for YA's but a lot of work for the library staff. Supervision of rehearsals and meetings and locating an area to rehearse in can be demanding. This was also done on a very limited budget. Make-up and costumes were bought by the teenagers themselves. A party for the cast and crew followed each play. Refreshments were provided by the library.

Name: Mrs. Siret Yener
YA Librarian

Library: Madison Heights Public Library
240 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Phone: 313-588-7763

Type of Program: Alcoholism

Age Group: Teenagers and adults

Preparation: Contacted local social agency. Prepared bibliographies and book display. Newspaper and flyer publicity. Also contacted many teachers individually hoping they could include the program as part of their lesson plans.

Description: The speaker and film she brought were excellent and the question and answer period consisted almost entirely of personal problems.

Evaluation: I will never attempt another program like this because the audience was so small, less than ten attended, due to the stigma attached to attendance.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Skateboard Demonstration

Age Group: Geared to Young Adults but all ages from seven up came

Preparation: Publicity included posters in schools, businesses, and branch libraries. Skateboarding magazines were on the tables in the YA room and bookmarks were at all check-out desks. Pre-registration was taken in the YA room. There was also publicity in the newspaper, on radio, and television. McDonald's provided the Orange Drink and the library bought popcorn which was popped in the PTA machine at the local school. A skateboard was donated for the drawing to be held at the event. Chris Yandall, well-known nationally, conducted the demonstration.

Description: Approximately 200 people attended on a rainy fall day. Two films on Skateboard Safety and Techniques were shown in a very crowded YA and Fiction Room. Following the films everyone went to the roped-off area around the library parking lot where the demonstration was held. In this area each registrant turned in his/her tickets for refreshments. There was music over a PA system to skate by. The Mayor was present for the drawing.

Evaluation: We felt that it would have been better to have a program of this type in the spring when there would be more carry-over value.

Name: Louise Schemm and Claire Jacobson

Library: Sage Branch Library
Bay County Library System
100 E. Midland St.
Bay City, MI 48706

Phone: 517-892-8555

Type of Program: Photography Instruction (one two-hour evening program)

Age Group: Intended for senior high age and adults, but the audience was primarily adult

Preparation: Contacted local photography studio for speaker; obtained slide presentation from:
Eastman Kodak Company
Audio-Visual Library Distribution
343 State Street
Rochester, NY 14650
newspaper and flyer publicity; prepared a bibliography and book display

Description: The first thirty minutes were devoted to the slide presentation. Then the speaker lectured informally, encouraging questions during his talk.

Evaluation: Our publicity should have specified beginning level since part of the audience was too advanced for the program level.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Teacher Open House/Orientation

Age Group: Teachers of students in grades K-12

Preparation: What started out as an activity by the Young Adult Dept. for high school teachers evolved into a full-scale extravaganza which included the Children's Librarian in the planning stages. We contacted every teacher in both public and private schools in Grand Rapids (2,300 in all) with a letter explaining the purpose of the Open House/Orientation. Since it was scheduled for four nights, we needed four times the number of tour guides and hosts/hostesses than if we'd scheduled it for only one evening. All school principals were sent an invitation as well as a second letter encouraging them to encourage their staff to attend. Reservations were taken by phone.

Description: Since our library had undergone a major internal reorganization during the summer, we thought it might be an appropriate year to invite teachers to the library to become better acquainted with our services, materials, and staff. Departments that were once on the first floor were now on the second, and our third floor had just been opened to the public with departments relocated there. Soooo, a grand tour was scheduled for each evening as well as a brief talk beforehand by various members of the staff concerning such areas as film rental by teachers, group visits, instruction in the use of library tools, etc. During this time coffee and light refreshments were served.

Evaluation: The fact that we had fewer than sixty teachers all four nights was a pretty fair indication we went wrong somewhere. Those who came all gave positive feedback but we obviously failed to reach the majority. Our biggest mistake was probably in scheduling it during the second full week of school in the fall. Teachers were probably still tied up locating missing students and basically getting their acts together for the year. If we decide to do something like this again we'd probably work with individual schools even though it might mean more of a time commitment on the library's part. We're still eager to establish a better working relationship with teachers and might need to alter our game plan even more. Any suggestions??

Name: Kristin Abraham
Young Adult Department

Library: Grand Rapids Public Library
60 Library Plaza N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-456-4427

Type of Program: Summer Reading Club

Age Group: Jr. High

Preparation: Publicity: flyers, newspaper articles, and letters to junior high English teachers. Prepared bibliographies for pleasure reading. Ordered extra copies of books to be used during group sessions. Instructed the staff on the philosophy and methodology of the program.

Description: This was primarily an individual reading program. As students read they filled out 3x5 cards reviewing books they had enjoyed. These were kept on file and consulted by other youth seeking pleasure reading material. There were two group meetings for interested participants. At the first meeting we discussed Robert Cormier's The Chocolate War. During the second we placed a 20-minute call to M.E. Kerr on a conference telephone line. In order to participate in this discussion it was necessary to have read one of Ms. Kerr's novels.

Evaluation: The program did not attract a significant number of students to make the review exchange worthwhile. Either lack of publicity or lack of interest could account for this. The call to Ms. Kerr was an excellent learning experience for the seven YA's who attended.

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Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
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Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Snowmobile Safety Certification

Age Group: 10-16 and older if interested

Preparation: This program resulted from a display we placed at a local snowmobile dealer's open house. A member of a small local snowmobile club attended the open house, carried home a bookmark, and later called the library to inquire about the films mentioned on the bookmark. Not a library user, he was amazed that his library had films for loan free of charge. Our Community Services Dept. offered to present a program for his club. During the course of the program (held in club headquarters: a boarded over garage complete with dirt, gas cans and 75 young people) I told the president about our community room and our file of free meeting places. He took us up on it for a program on safety. With our assistance a qualified instructor was found; and we handled publicity, registration, and appropriate book displays.

Description: The course was run completely by the snowmobile club. The book display has proved very popular, particularly for the fathers of club members who, overall, were not regular library users. The final road test was done in a near-by field; the library parking lot was used for examination of a snowmobile.

Evaluation: The class has proved so successful that three additional programs have been scheduled. The club has become an avid MCLS supporter and has gained in membership due to the safety courses. No problems have been encountered. The Community Services Dept. of the Monroe County Library System highly recommends reaching out into the community and working cooperatively with clubs and agencies who have the talent to present programs. We as librarians have the expertise to promote programs, supplement programs with diverse resources and a place to bring persons together to learn and share.

Name: Mrs. Mary Bullard
Community Services Department

Library: Monroe County Library System
3700 S. Custer Road
Monroe, MI 48161

Phone: 313-241-5277

Type of Program: Health Food (one two-hour evening session)

Age Group: Teens and adults

Preparation: Contacted local health food store and arranged for speaker. Prepared bibliography and book display. Newspaper and flyer publicity. Purchased health food from same store for a sample feast.

Description: The speaker was good and encouraged questions; during our sampling session she answered many questions and the experience was valuable.

Evaluation: Much positive feedback from the audience.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Volunteens

Age Group: Jr. High

Preparation: Evolved out of a summer program with the Voluntary Action Center. The kids were so impressive that we thought we'd give it a try during the school year. We just put the signs up in the library and had the program announced at the three junior highs. With that minimum publicity twenty-five teens showed up. I had lists of various jobs and had the kids sign up on that basis along with which days they could work. I explained that many of the jobs would be on an on-call or as-needed basis. About half the teens have remained as regulars--doing chores for various staff members.

Description: Some of the jobs have been: filing, typing, dry mounting, book selection, bulletin boards (very creative), ushers for programs, setting up programs, helpin with some of the children's programs, suggestions for programs for their own age group.

Evaluation: Overall the program has been a moderate success. We have averaged fifty hours/month in teen volunteer hours alone. Some of the kids dropped out because of school activities, others because I couldn't carry through on some proposed chores. This, I believe, is VERY important. Make sure you can carry it through.

Name: Sally D. Arrivée

Library: Portage Public Library
300 Library Lane
Portage, MI 49081

Phone: 616-327-6725

Type of Program: Judo Demonstration (a two-hour evening program)

Age Group: Jr. and sr. high (audience had many fathers with children)

Preparation: Concacted local judo studio; booked film Judoka from Canadian Film Board: arranged to borrow wrestling mats from the school system; newspaper and flyer publicity.

Description: The film was shown. Then as the instructor spoke, three of his students gave demonstrations.

Evaluation: The fee of $50.00 charged for the demonstration was merited. As we had requested, one of the demonstrators was a female which produced the desired response.

Name: Barbara Walker
Young Adult Services

Library: Farmington Community Library
32737 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Phone: 313-553-0300

Type of Program: Summer Mini-Programs (Backpacking, Youth Hosteling, and Motorcycle Maintenance)

Age Group: Young Adult

Preparation: Resource people for each clinic had to be contacted. All programs were held at the library on three consecutive Tuesday evenings so we did 3-in-1 publicity. All posters advertised all three events as did our radio and TV spots. The actual planning and outlay of energy for all three programs was very minimal since we drew outside people. We did do book lists for each program and had a display of materials that went along with the talks.

Description: Representatives from a sporting goods store demonstrated the techniques of backpacking: what to take, how to pack, etc. For the youth hostel program we had the president of the local AYH Council explain the opportunities for hosteling both here and abroad. The Grand Rapids Motorcycle Dealer's Association gave us a representative to demonstrate how to do basic repairs and maintenance on a bike. An actual motorcycle was used in the demonstration. A question and answer segment concluded each of the three programs.

Evaluation: We had hoped to attract the YA's who for one reason or another (summer jobs, driver's training, etc.) were in town during the summer. Our rationale for having programs on three consecutive Tuesdays was to simplify our publicity as well as making the dates easier for people to remember. Even though our attendance was poor, I still think that such an idea is a good one. Of the three programs, the one on backpacking was the best attended.

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Type of Program: Teen Volunteers (during the summer months)

Age Group: Jr. High

Preparation: Publicity in the schools and newspapers. Prepared booklet with instructions for simple library tasks (cleaning records, pasting pockets, etc.); booklet included my name and telephone number. Informed staff of the purpose and execution of this program. Since volunteers were in at all hours, staff cooperation was essential.

Description: The fifteen youth who registered met as a group for instruction and committed themselves to specific times, indicating at the same time the jobs in which they were interested. Helping at children's programs and producing a play for pre-schoolers were the favortie activities. At the conclusion of the summer, letters of commendation were distributed at a pizza party.

Evaluation: The program was difficult to execute since it was necessary to be constantly supervising and planning. As the summer wore on jobs became scarce and since it was imperative that the youth feel their services were needed, all staff were kept busy finding tasks. However, the time and energy devoted were worthwhile as the program provided an excellent opportunity for the teens to operate as a productive part of adult society. All participants received a great deal of individual attention.

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